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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



SNOOPYTEAM ON THE LOOKOUT FOR BAD GUYS Story by OZ Division personnel and photo by PH3(AW) Karri Williams

"Away the Snoopy Team, Away!" Have you ever heard this on the 1MC and wondered what the Snoopy Team was?

The Snoopy Team is a specially qualified fast reaction intelligence collection team of two or more Intelligence Specialists (IS) and one Photographer's Mate. How they got the name "Snoopy Team" is unclear, but one old salt thinks it goes back to the old carrier days, before Tactical Air Navigation and Identification Friend or Foe systems, when one way to identify unknown contacts was to head to the O-13 level and look around with the Big Eyes on the Signal Bridge. From there lookouts could "snoop" on their contacts undetected.

Despite improvements in technology, the Snoopy Team is still responsible for the rapid identifi-



The Snoopy Team take pictures and gathers information on contact from the signal bridge.

cation and photography of all surface, subsurface and air contacts within visual range of the ship.

Watchstanders on the bridge tip off the Snoopy Team. Lookouts pass sightings to the Officer of the Deck (OOD) on the bridge. The OOD determines if the contact is valid and calls away the Snoopy Team over the 1MC.

When the word is passed, the Snoopy Team proceeds to the Signal Bridge as quickly as possible to identify and photograph the contact before it gets out of visual range. The Snoopy Team notes the main features of the contact and calls the information in to the Joint Intelligence Center.

The IS's in the Joint Intelligence Center search publications and on-line databases for further information. If the contact poses any threat to the ship or the ARG, the Tactical Action Officer in the Combat Information Center is notified.

During WESTPAC 2000, the BHR Snoopy Team has written sixteen intelligence reports (IIR). By comparison, during recent WESTPAC deployments other ARG Snoopy Teams produced at the most eight IIRs.

Two of the Snoopy Team's IIRs have received "High Value" evaluations from higher authority. The reports were evaluated on information in the report, the quality of the reporting and for the quality of the photography.

NATIONAL NEWS

ROTC FALLS SHORT FOR A FIFTH YEAR

By Andrea Stone, USA Today

The Army and Navy will fail to commission enough new officers for the fifth consecutive year, a trend that threatens to destabilize the future leadership of the military.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, which commissions more than half of all new Army and Navy officers through college campus-based programs, is projected to fall short of its goals again in 2000:

- * The Army, which hasn't met its ROTC commissioning target since 1995, will miss by 18%. For the first time since 1995, Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) won't be able to fill the gap.
- * The Navy, which also hasn't met its ROTC goal since 1995, will miss by 14%.
- * The Marine Corps, which relies on Navy ROTC, sets no goals.
- * The Air Force, however, which missed its ROTC goal by 5% last year, expects to surpass its target number

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ROTC produces more than half of new line officers, those who aren't professionals who receive direct commissions. Last year, 70% of new Army line officers came from ROTC, down from 77% in 1997.

The services traditionally bump up enrollment in officer training schools when ROTC falls short. This year, at least in the Army, even that won't fill the slots.

The ROTC and OCS shortfalls come at a precarious time for the military. Applications to the elite service academies have fallen sharply in the past decade.

At the same time, junior officers are heading for the doors. Nearly 14% of Marine captains left last year, up from 11.7% in 1998. The Army saw a 58% increase in captains who left, from 6.7% in 1989 to 10.6% last year.

WEDNESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
1100 THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK
1630 ER

1730 JEOPARDY 1800 INVENTING THE ABBOTTS 2000 THE GODFATHER

CHANNEL 6

1030 FRASIER
1100 TIN SOLDIER
1630 STUART LITTLE
1800 SILENCE OF THE LAMBS
2000 MAGNOLIA

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS NAVY SENDS UNDERCOVER AGENTS INTO GAY BARS

Navy investigators are routinely sending informants and undercover agents into Washington area gay bars to identify military personnel among the clients, and then using sting operations to catch some of them in drug trafficking, according to Navy officials and testimony in a recent military court proceeding.

Local and national gay advocates contend that the probe circumvents the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and might be a way of drumming gays out of the military, albeit for drug involvement. The Navy denies that accusation, saying the year-old operation aims only at drug trafficking and has never been used to enforce the continuing ban on homosexual ac-

tivity by service members.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service "does not target individuals based on their sexual orientation," David L. Brant, director of the NCIS, said in a June 8 letter responding to complaints from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a group that assists gays in the military.

The Navy undercover operation involves surveillance at three establishments that cater primarily to gay men—JR's Bar & Grill, Badlands nightclub and "Velvet" night at Nation nightclub—according to testimony by John Patrick O'Connor Jr., an NCIS agent, in the case of a Navy petty officer facing a court martial for drug-dealing.



Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



BMSN Jeff D. Butler
Deck Department, 2nd Division
Hometown: Mangham, Louisiana
Qualifications: 3-M Maintenance team,
Well Deck Traffic Controlman and
Ramp Marshall

Seaman Butler is assigned to Deck Department in Second Division's Damage Control Maintenance Team. He is responsible for ensuring all divisional DC equipment is maintained in 33 spaces, including the well deck, upper and lower vehicle stowage. His knowledge and great work ethic have helped to ensure work center DB02 maintains a 100 percent recorded accomplishment rate.

He has qualified on all positions of The Starboard Boat Davit through Slew Arm Davit Operator. He performed over 60 launches and recoveries of the ship's Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat, all without incident. During Condition 1A for LCAC operations he has qualified as Well Deck Traffic Controlman and is responsible for the safe and proper movement of over 200 tracked and wheeled vehicles in the well.

His desire to excel and assume greater responsibility is evident in his recent qualification as Ramp Marshal. Dedicated and enthusiastic, Butler is an asset to Deck Department.

SPORTS

NBA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE:

LOS ANGELES LAKERS 116 INDIANA PACERS 111

LOS ANGELES WINS NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

WHITE SOX SWEEP YANKEES By New York Times

Orlando Hernandez stared at the grass below his cleats for about 10 seconds that felt more like 10 minutes. Jose Valentin had just smashed a grand slam and the White Sox already had nine runs in the first when Hernandez handed the ball to manager Joe Torre and ended his brief debacle. The debacle culminated in a 17-4 loss to the White Sox. The Yankees were swept in a four-game series at Yankee Stadium for the first time since the White Sox did it in July 1990.

ATHLETICS 21, ROYALS 3 By Associated Press

John Jaha, Terrence Long, Ramon Hernandez and Frank Menechino homered as Oakland scored the most runs in the major leagues this year. Oakland, which won its season-best fifth straight, broke it open with 10 runs in the third off of Kansas City.

OTHER AL SCORES:

Toronto	5	Boston	1
Cleveland	9	Detroit	4
Tampa Bay	6	Texas	1
Anaheim	8	Baltimore	6
Seattle 1	LO	Minnesota	2

NL SCORES:

N.Y. Mets	7	7 Milwaukee								
Atlanta	5	Philadelphia	3							
Florida	5	Pittsburgh	4							
Montreal	4	Chicago Cubs	3							
Colorado	19	Arizona	2							
Houston	4	San Francisco	2							
San Diego	8	Cincinnati	7							

TIGER WOODS WINS UNITED STATES OPEN IN RECORD FASHION By Associated Press

Tiger Woods looked natural making unforgettable shots, he looked natural making history, and it seemed natural that Woods, the world's best player, won the 100th U.S. Open in record fashion.

On a picture-perfect day, Woods (12-under par, 272, 65-69-71-67) won the Open by a record-setting 15 strokes over South Africa's Ernie Els and Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, who tied for second place at 3-over par. It was the largest victory margin ever in a major championship, surpassing the 13-stroke victory margin by Old Tom Morris at the 1862 British Open. The winning margin also broke a record that had stood 101 years, surpassing the 11-stoke victory by Willie Anderson in 1899.

Woods also set the record for lowest score in relation to par (12 strokes), breaking the previous record of 8-under par set by Ben Hogan in 1948, and equaled by Jack Nicklaus in 1980 and Lee Janzen in 1993. And Woods' winning total of 272 tied the all-time winning totals held by Nicklaus and Janzen.

Sunday's victory left a mind-boggling gap between him and a world-class field. When Woods reached 12-under par by making a 10-foot birdie putt at the par 5, 14th hole, he became only the second player to reach 12-under in Open history, tying Gil Morgan, who did it in 1992. But unlike Morgan, who faded and lost the 1992 Open to Tom Watson, Woods turned this event into an affirmation of his skills, leaving people shaking their heads in awe.



Understanding Your LES

Leave and Earnings Statement

This handout is published as a guide to inform you about your DFAS Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and what it means to you. Every month, you will receive an LES showing entitlements, deductions, and allotments. If, after reading this pamphlet, you have any questions concerning your pay, check with your Disbursing Office.

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KEY TO SECTIONS

- A Shows period covered by this LES. This LES will reflect any changes to Petty Officer Dough's pay which the Defense Finance Accounting Service Cleveland (DFAS) has processed. There may have been other changes to his entitlements, but due to mail or processing delays, they are not reflected on this LES. In most cases these changes will be reflected on the next LES.
- B Displays all entitlements for the period covered. Any entitlements that were earned in previous months will be added to like entitlements or allowances.
- Displays all deductions from pay for the period covered. Any retroactive deductions will be added to like deductions.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LES

- Displays all allotments deducted from pay for the period covered.
- Summarizes entitlements, deductions, and allotments to provide the actual amount of the payment to be paid to the member on payday. Amount shown is the amount to be paid on the end-of-the-month payday.
- Provides the current status of Petty Officer Dough's leave account.
 - "BF Bal" (brought forward leave balance) shows the days leave carried forward from the previous fiscal year ending on 30 Sep.
 - "Ernd" is the cumulative amount of leave earned this fiscal year or current term of enlistment if service member reenlisted/ extended since the beginning of the fiscal year.
 - "Used" is the cumulative amount of leave used this fiscal year.
 - "Cr Fwd" is the current leave balance as of the end of the period covered by the LES.
 - "ETS Bal" shows the projected leave balance to the Expiration Term of Service (ETS).
 - "Lv Pd" will periodically display any leave sold back to the Navy.
 - "Use/Lose" is the projected number of days of leave that will be lost if not taken in the current fiscal year.

- Shows current federal tax information.
- Shows FICA information (Social Security tax plus Medicare tax).
- Shows current state tax information, including marital status and number of exemptions.
- Provides information for local disbursing use.
- Provides information about change in allotments, deductions, or entitlements. Indicates career sea service counter.

REMEMBER

Your pay is your responsibility.

Verify and keep your LES

each month. If your pay

varies significantly and you

don't understand why —

see your Disbursing Office.

